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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Boatman, et al.**

Serial No.: **10/712,127**

Group No.: **3617**

Date Filed: **November 12, 2003**

Examiner: **Sherman D. Basinger**

For: **Retrieval and Connection System for a  
Disconnectable Mooring Yoke**

Atty Docket No. **SOF153/143706**

**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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1. Transmittal herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. Applicant is
  - ☐ a small entity.
  - ☒ other than a small entity

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d), 1.8(a) and 1.10)**

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**MAILING**

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

*(complete, as applicable)*

- ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee large entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \$450.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
- ☒ Extension fee due with this request \$450.00

OR

- ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra Present	Rate	Added Fee
Total: 21	21	0	\$25/50	\$0.00
Independent: 9	3	6	\$100/200	\$1,200.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims:			\$280/140	\$0.00
Total Additional Fees:				\$1,200.00

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable).

- ☐ No additional fee for claims is required.

**OR**

- ☒ Total additional fee for claims required \$1,200.00

### FEE PAYMENT

5. ☒ Attached is our check in the sum of \$1,650.00 for the fee of extension of time and fee for excess claims.
- ☐ Attached is our check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a petition to revive an application.
- ☐ Charge Account No. 50-0897 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

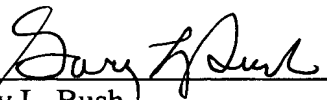
**FEE DEFICIENCY**

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 50-0897  
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**AND/OR**

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 50-0897  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MADE FINAL**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action Made Final dated March 2, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated May 278, 2005, please amend this application as follows.

**In the Specification.**

Please change the publication number on sub-page 8 "2004/0094082" to -- 2004/0025772--. A new replacement sheet showing such change follows this page.

**In the Claims.**

Please amend original Claim 1 to include the limitations of original Claims 2, 4 and 5.

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, and 4.

Please amend original Claim 6 to be an independent claim which includes the limitations of original Claims 4 and 1.

Please amend original Claim 7 to be an independent claim which includes the limitations of original Claims 2 and 1.

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